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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the subject application, please amend it as follows:  
IN THE SPECIFICATIONOn page 13, please replace the paragraph at lines 8-13 with the following  
paragraph:

The pipette (4) allows suction of the islet through the tip (12) which has an inner diameter that is a little larger than the largest cell clusters to be isolated (specifically, for most islet preparations, approximately 250-350  $\mu$ m is optimal). The tip (12) of the pipette (4) can be any length, but to ensure that only a small volume of suspension is sucked into the pipette each time cell clusters are isolated, a length of approximately 10 mm is preferred.

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